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Examiner : Christine J. Saoud)

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

United States Patent and Trademark Office
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Notice to Comply With Requirement for Patent Applications Containing Nucleotide Sequence And/Or Amino Acid Sequence Disclosures, mailed September 23, 2002, (Paper No. 13), setting a one-month term for response, Applicants hereby request the entry of the substitute "Sequence Listing" submitted herewith into the specification, starting on a new page, immediately following the claims. The present substitute Sequence Listing serves to replace the Sequence Listing filed on January 22, 2002. Applicants further request consideration of the following remarks and amendments:

In the Claims:

Please amend claims 39 and 44 to read as follows:

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Claim 39. (Amended) An antibody that binds to the polypeptide shown in Figure 4 (SEQ ID NO: 4).

C2
Claim 44. (Amended) The antibody of Claim 39 which specifically binds to the polypeptide shown in Figure 4 (SEQ ID NO: 4).

REMARKS

According to the Examiner, "it is not clear what Sequence identifiers corresponds to what subject matter. Applicant may need a new CRF or paper copy of the Sequence Listing or both or neither." The Examiner further noted that "at least page 7 of the paper copy of the Sequence Listing is missing.

Applicants submit that the present amendments to the claims which do not add new matter serve to clarify which Sequence Identifiers corresponds with which sequence and the claims as amended no longer contradict the Brief Description of the Figures. Along with the present Amendment, Applicants file a substitute Sequence